

PUBLIC WORKS IN JANUARY

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Roads Pressure Washing, Punch Lists and Pruning

January was a busy month for the Roads Division as they took advantage of the mild weather to get a jump on some early Spring cleaning. Roads Maintenance Specialist Manny Ghiselline attacked some much needed pressure washing of the bridges and sidewalks on Wilsonville Road and Parkway Avenue.



With the recent retirement of the Roads Supervisor, Roads Maintenance Specialist Sean Byrne worked with the punch lists for the Tonquin Meadows 4 and Kinsman Road projects.

In addition, Roads Maintenance Specialist Ralph Thorp took the lead on pruning the landscape islands on Wilsonville Road. This project required special care when it came to setting up a safe work zone while using the Clackamas County Corrections Crew for clean-up.



Facilities

The Facilities Department recently completed a series of safety improvements by installing new fall restraint anchors on several of the City's roofs. This will allow for safe and efficient roof and gutter cleaning. It also allows staff to apply moss control to the roofs for a more effective result.



Facilities and Roads Teamwork

Facilities and Road Maintenance crews recently worked together to remove a leaning tree that threatened to take a section of fence out at the Elligsen Reservoir site.



Facilities Electrical Hazard

Facilities Technician Ivan Crumrine discovered a potentially dangerous electrical hazard while performing maintenance on the flag lights at City Hall. The ballast that transforms power to the light fixture had a hole burned through it, causing a potentially hazardous scenario. A new replacement ballast is on its way.



Roads & Police Collaboration

Wilsonville Police frequently will request Public Works assistance in flagging intersections for various reasons. This time it happened to be on Parkway Avenue by Mentor Graphics where a semi jack-knifed into the ditch. The crews are specifically trained for the liabilities of a public safety and government liability.



Utilities Meter Installations and Repairs

This month the Water Crew installed 28 new water meters and performed 44 investigative and/or leak repair work orders. Water Distribution Intern Rick Mapes (below) installs a water meter on Lakeside Loop along with Water Distribution Technician Steve Gering. A large tree had been removed because it was damaging buried utilities and a nearby driveway. The customer's water service downstream of the meter had to be repaired. The crew coordinated directly with the homeowner to allow for the stump grinding, private plumbing repairs and water meter replacement to be completed all at the same time, minimizing the break in service.



Utilities Water Valve Repair

Utilities Maintenance Specialist Sam Kinnaman, Water Distribution Technician Ian Eglitis and Vector Operator Paul Havens recently teamed up to repair a water valve on French Prairie Drive. This valve was buried and heavy roots were beginning to enter the valve can. The crew used the VacCon truck to hydro-excavate the location and then they set a new sleeve, can and lid in place.

